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SUBJECT: ALLIED DEMARCHE AND PRESS STATEMENT ON NICO HUEBNER:

DELIVERY AND SOVIET REACTION

REF: (A) USBERLIN 1782, (B) BONN 13437, (C) STATE 184445,
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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORT FROM BRITISH MISSION
FO DELIVERY ON 27 JULY OF PROTEST TO SOVIETS AND IMMEDIATE
REACTION. TEXT OF DELIVERY AND REACTION PROVIDED TO US BY
BRITISH (AND WHICH THEY HAVE REPORTED TO BONN AND LONDON)
FOLLOWS:
BEGIN QUOTE

AS KHOTULEV WAS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL 31 JULY, JAMES (ACTING CHAIRMAN
POLITICAL ADVISER) DELIVERED THE STATEMENT TO TYUTYUNOV (FIRST
SECRETARY, SOVIET EMBASSY) THIS AFTERNOON.

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TYUTYUNOV REACTED VERY STRONGLY. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS A QUESTION
ENTIRELY WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE GDR AND THAT FOR THIS REASON
HE REJECTED CATEGORICALLY THIS UNWORTHY ATTEMPT TO MEDdle IN THE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE. THE THREE WESTERN POWERS HAD
NO GROUNDS TO RAISE QUESTIONS OF THIS KIND AS THEIR RIGHTS IN BERLIN
ENDED AT THE BORDERS OF THE GDR. THE DEMARCHE COULD NOT CONTRIBUTE
IN THE SLIGHTEST TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND HE WOULD TREAT IT AS

NON-EXISTENT. HE ASKED THAT THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN HIM SHOULD BE TAKEN AWAY AGAIN. HE CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THAT IF NEWS OF THE DEMARCHE APPEARED IN THE WESTERN PRESS, THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD MAKE WELL-KNOWN THE MANNER IN WHICH IT HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

JAMES REPLIED THAT THE STATEMENT REPRESENTED THE VIEWS OF THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE NOTE ACCORDINGLY. IT REMAINED THE ALLIED VIEW THAT QUADRIPARTITE LEGISLATION CONTINUED TO APPLY TO THE WHOLE OF BERLIN AND THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES CONTINUED TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS APPLICATION.

TYUTYUNOV SAID THAT CONSTANT REPETITION OF THIS THEME COULD DO NO GOOD. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD MANY TIMES CALLED UPON THE WESTERN POWERS TO RECOGNIZE THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION WHICH WAS THAT THEIR RIGHTS COULD ONLY BE EXERCISED IN WEST BERLIN. JAMES REPLIED THAT CONSTANT REPETITION OF THE SOVIET VIEW COULD NOT ALTER THE LEGAL REALITY OF SOVIET RESPONSIBILITIES OVER DEMILITARIZATION.

AFTER FURTHER EXCHANGES ALONG THESE LINES, JAMES ENDED BY REPEATING THAT THE STATEMENT REPRESENTED THE CLEAR VIEW OF THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ON THE DEMILITARISED STATUS OF BERLIN. THE CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO OTHER QUESTIONS BUT THE TEXT OF THE PROTEST REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

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THE ALLIED PRESS STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AT
1800 HOURS. END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: IT IS TYUTYUNOV'S STYLE TO PLAY THE "TRUE BELIEVER" AND "PROTECTOR OF GDR INTERESTS" ROLE TO THE HILT IN MOST OFFICIAL EXCHANGES WITH THE ALLIES. WE SUSPECT ALSO THAT HE SHOWED EVEN LESS RESTRAINT THAN USUAL BECAUSE JAMES IS RELATIVELY NEW IN BERLIN AND WAS DELIVERING HIS FIRST PROTEST TO SOVIETS. WE OFFER THESE REMARKS AS A CONTEXT IN WHICH TO VIEW THE SOVIET BOMBAST, BUT NOT REPEAT NOT IN AN EFFORT TO DIMINISH THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS REMARKS. GEORGE

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